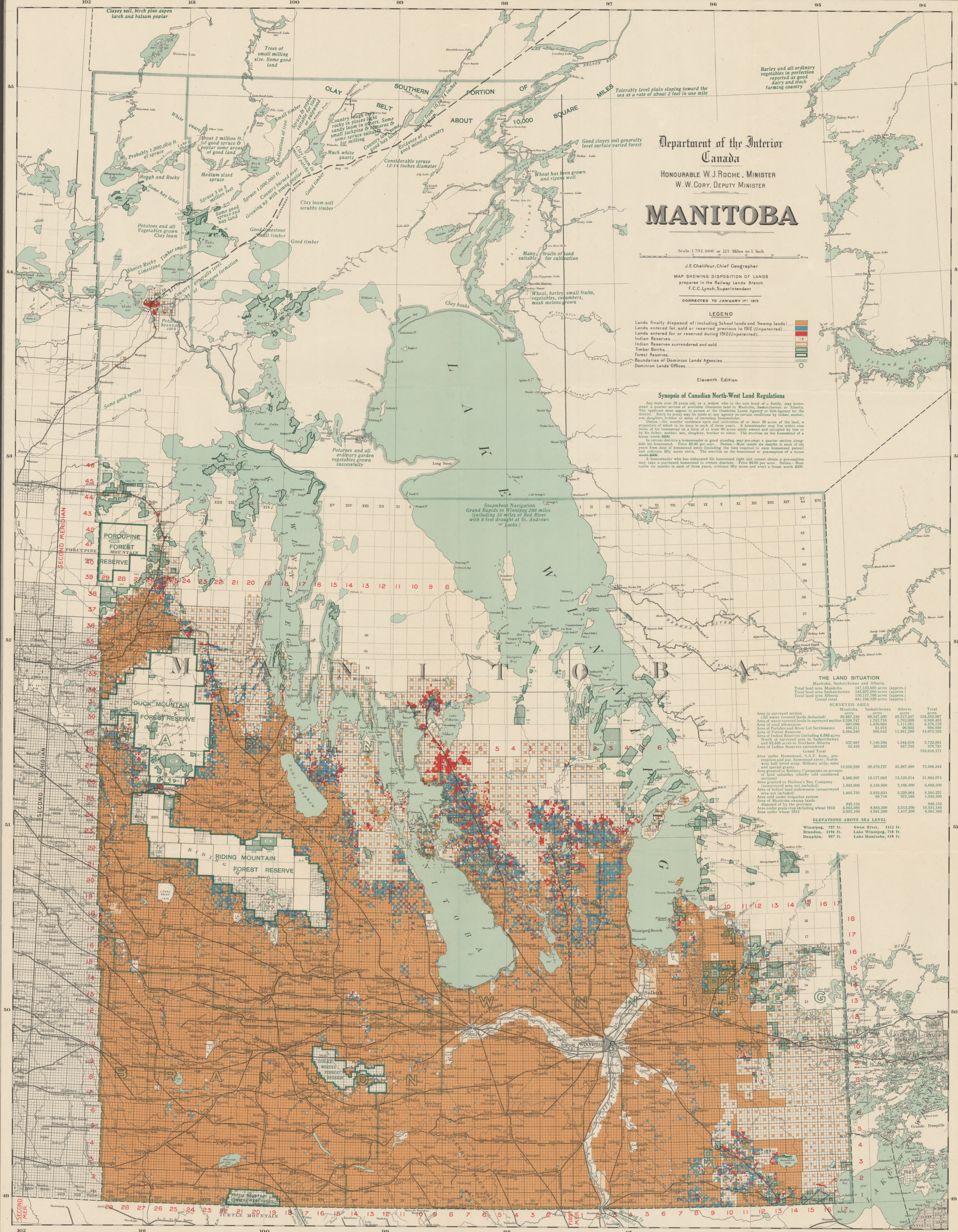

Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations

Any male over 18 years old, or a widow who is the sole head of a family, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of at least 30 acres of the land, a proportion of which to be done in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister. The erection on the homestead of a house worth $300.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra. The erection on the homestead or pre-emption of a house worth $300.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.

THE LAND SITUATION

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Total land area Manitoba	147,152,880 acres	(approx.)
Total land area Saskatchewan	143,927,680 acres	(approx.)
Total land area Alberta	150,117,760 acres	(approx.)
Grand total	441,196,320 acres	(approx.)

SURVEYED AREA

	Manitoba acres	Saskatchewan acres	Alberta acres	Total acres
Area in surveyed section (All water covered lands deducted)	26,887,120	69,347,400	58,317,547	154,552,067
Area of water covered lands in surveyed section	3,398,747	1,787,716	1,782,000	6,948,463
Area of road allowances	930,090	1,436,668	1,111,361	3,478,119
Area of Parishes and River Lot Settlements	486,311	81,974	96,603	664,888
Area of Forest Reserves	2,494,240	599,642	11,881,280	14,975,162
Area of Indian Reserves (including 6,683 acres North of surveyed area in Saskatchewan and 93,856 acres in Northern Alberta	337,887	1,140,286	1,244,518	2,722,691
Area of Indian Reserves surrendered	55,423	263,623	257,735	576,781
				183,918,171
Grand Total				
Area under Homestead, S.A.V. hom., pre-emption and pur. homestead entry; North-west half breed scrip, Military scrip, sales and special grants	13,530,329	36,470,727	25,367,488	75,368,544
Area granted to Railway Companies on account of land subsidies (chiefly odd numbered sections)	3,566,997	15,177,063	13,120,014	31,864,074
Area granted to Hudson's Bay Company (unsurveyed area not included)	1,343,000	3,158,900	2,186,400	6,688,300
Area of School land endowment (unsurveyed area not included)	1,493,730	3,852,633	3,239,864	8,585,227
Area sold under irrigation system		69,716	975,593	1,045,309
Area of Manitoba swamp lands disposed of by the province	848,154			848,154
Area under grain crop including wheat 1912	4,655,080	8,883,300	3,312,200	16,851,180
Area under wheat 1912	2,653,100	4,891,500	1,417,200	8,961,900

ELEVATIONS ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Winnipeg,	757 ft.	Swan River,	1112 ft.
Brandon,	1194 ft.	Lake Winnipeg,	710 ft.
Dauphin,	957 ft.	Lake Manitoba,	810 ft.

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